



SUPPLEMENTARY USER NOTE

System and/or File Title: Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS), 1950-2006

Data

During preparation of the records to be loaded into Access to Archival Databases (AAD), a technical discrepancy was identified that necessitated a modification of the data. In the 1950-2005 DCAS data file, the record of Billy Ray Rankin includes the value "N\A" in data element MEMBER OCCUPATION CODE. The presence of the backward slash (\) caused problems in loading the record into AAD because it split the value and put "A" in the next field and subsequently shifted the remainder of the record by one field. NARA staff replaced the character with a forward slash (/) to eliminate the problem. The value in this data element now reads "N/A" to ensure that the remainder of the record appears in the appropriate fields.

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